

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I trusted that eventually High Definition signals would be available to me. So I took a chance and spent a significant amount of money on an HDTV. However, there are still very limited viewing choices on either DirectTV or Echostar.

I would support the merger if it could be guaranteed a major increase in High Definition channels, as I can not receive any over the air.

My friends and family are very impressed with my equipment and the picture quality of HDTV. But, they are not like me and will not purchase high definition equipment until there are many HD channels available on satellite, including the major networks.

If by preventing the merger you are preventing a major increase in high definition channels, then you are in effect preventing many people I know from driving down and supporting their local retailer by spending large amounts of money. Something to think about in this economy...

Sincerely,  
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